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Testimony by Justin Brooks, Employee

American School for the Deaf

Good afternoon. My name is Justin Brooks and I am a Student Support Coordinator at the American School for the Deaf. In addition to being an ASD employee, I am also a proud ASD alumni. I am here today to request your continued financial support of the American School for the Deaf.

I grew up in Norwalk, CT and was the only child in my family with a hearing loss. I enrolled at the American School for the Deaf when I was 8 years old and graduated from ASD in 2000.

I had a wonderful experience as a student at ASD. I was surrounded by amazing teachers and support staff who encouraged me in every way. I succeeded academically and athletically, eventually becoming a basketball coach. After graduation, I was eager to return to ASD as an employee where I could use the skills that I learned throughout my childhood to help other deaf and hard of hearing students. I returned to ASD as a Residential Counselor, and I am now proud to serve in a managerial role in my current position.

The American School for the Deaf provided me with the foundation I needed to be a successful deaf adult. I am proud of my experience at ASD, as both a student, alumni and now an employee, and I am grateful for your continued support.